(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) and (b). The Patents Act, 1970 follows the "First to file" principle for grant of patents.

(c) Does not arise.

DDA Flats to Retiring Government Servants

6487. SHRI ROSHAN LAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the reply given to Standard Question No. 393 on 12.8.91 and state:

(a) whether the Government propose to include 'Ambedkar Awas Yojana' in the scheme of priority allotment of DDA flats to the Government employees who have retired/ to be retired on or before December 31,1993 and invite applications from such Government employees registered under 'Ambedkar Awas Yojana-1989' and extend the date for recepit of applications suitably;

(b) if so, the time by which such applications are proposed to be recieved; and

(c) if not, the reaons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c). The procedure for allotment of flats/plots to the registrants of Ambedkar Awas Yojana is under consideration in the DDA and will be finalised shortly.

Multi-Disciplinary Safety Organisation In Orissa

6488. SHRI ANADI CHARAN DAS: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) whether the proposal submitted by the Government of Orissa for setting up a'multi-disciplinary safety organisation' in Bhubneswar to control major industrial hazards in hazardous industries of the State is pending with Government;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be cleared?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) No such proposal is pending with the Ministry of Labour.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Exemption from E.S.I.

6490. PROF. K.V. THOMAS: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the trade Unions from Hindustan Insedticide Ltd. Eloor, Fertilisers and Chemical Travancore Ltd. and Hindustan Newsprint Ltd., Velloor, Kerala have requested for granting excemption from E.S.I. scheme; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter is under consideratien of the Government.

Unauthorised Construction In Hari Nagar

6491. SHRI KESRI LAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to replies given on July 29, 1991 to Unstared Question No. 799 and on December 4, 1991 to unstarred Question No. 2237